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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
**Mahendra Madhukar Patil**

Serial No.: 10/671,147

Filed: September 24, 2003

For: FLUID-DISPENSER DEVICE  
CONDUCTIVE TO REDUCED WATER  
CONSUMPTION IN A WASHING  
MACHINE

Confirmation No.: 4557  
Group Art Unit: 1746  
Examiner: Stinson, Frankie L.

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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on November 17, 2006, in which the Examiner issued a restriction requirement. In the Office Action, the Examiner identifies: GROUP I as represented by claims 1-19 said to be drawn to a fluid dispenser, classified in class 134, subclass 17R; and GROUP II as represented by claims 20-45 said to be drawn to a method of delivering a rinse fluid, classified in class 8, subclass 158.

Accordingly, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 121, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group II, without traverse, 20-45 said to be drawn to a method of delivering a rinse fluid, classified in class 8, subclass 158.

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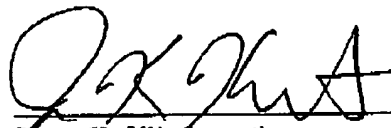
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Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims. Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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